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STOCKHOLM PASS EPA ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: CCMS EMS PILOT STUDY

1. FRG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS, U.S. CCMS
COORDINATOR AND EMBOFF HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FRG MINISTRY
OF HEALTH (MOH) QUESTION OF FRG PARTICIPATION IN NEW
EMS PILOT STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED IN COLLABORATION
WITH WHO. ALTHOUGH PRACTICALLY EVERYONE IN RELEVANT
FRG OFFICES WISHES TO HAVE WEST GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN
THIS PROJECT, THERE REMAINS THE BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLE
OF MOH APPROVAL AT STATE SECRETARY LEVEL. IT IS HOPED
BY ALL CCMS PARTICIPANTS HERE (BOTH US AND FRG) THAT A
SUPPORTING INVITATION FROM COSTLE AS U.S. CCMS
REPRESENTATIVE ENCOURAGING FRG PARTICIPATION WOULD
PROVIDE THE NECESSARY IMPETUS TO BREAK OPEN THE
BUREAUCRATIC BOTTLENECK. THEREFORE IT IS SUGGESTED
THAT ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE SIGN A LETTER WITH THE
TEXT INDICATED BELOW (WITH HARTKOPF BRINGING THE LETTER
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TO BONN UPON HIS RETURN), OR AUTHORIZE CCMS COORDINATOR
WARD TO SIGN A LETTER ON COSTLE'S BEHALF FOR DELIVERY
TO STATE SECRETARY WOLTERS BY EMBASSY BONN.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) OF NATO AND THE COPENHAGEN AND WASHINGTON REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) HAVE AGREED TO UNDERTAKE A TWO-YEAR COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL CARE IN DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES. WE BELIEVE THIS NEW PROJECT WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT BASE FOR SOME FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE WHO WORK PROGRAM AND WILL PERMIT THE MANY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO BENEFIT THROUGH SHARING RESULTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCES. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AS A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN DISASTER HEALTH-CARE PLANNING AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES, HAS MUCH TO OFFER OTHER NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS THE LEAD COUNTRY FOR THIS JOINT WHO/CCMS PROJECT. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE OF APPROPRIATE EXPERTS AT AN INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MEETING IN WIESBADEN AT THE END OF APRIL TO DEVELOP A WORK PLAN FOR THIS NEW PROJECT. ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, AS THE PILOT COUNTRY, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM YOUR MINISTRY PARTICIPATE IN THE WIESBADEN PLANNING SESSION. I TRUST THAT AN APPROPRIATE WORK PLAN WILL BE DEvised WHICH ALLOWS THE PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTS, TO BE SHARED BY ALL WHO COUNTRIES, TO INCLUDE THE LESSONS AVAILABLE FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

DOUGLAS M. COSTLE
ADMINISTRATOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO
NATO/CCMS

3. FYI. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HARTKOPF HAS PERSONALLY BEEN INVOLVED IN DISCUSSION OF PROJECT WITH MOH STATE SECRETARY WOLTERS. COSTLE MAY WISH TO CONFER WITH HARTKOPF ON LETTER. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HARTKOPF COSTLE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MOST SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. EFFORTS.
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